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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Air Operations Course for National  
Guard Officers

1. CTR's monthly activities report to DD/S for December carried the following item:

"On 7 December the Air and Maritime Branch began a two-week Air Operations Course for National Guard officers and one Developmental Projects Division employee."

[redacted] has asked for background information about this course. 25X1

2. [redacted] of the Air Section of the Developmental Plans Division of DD/P is the CIA staff officer responsible for liaison with the Air Force in connection with this special training program. It was from him that I obtained information about the concept of this course, its origin, and future plans. 25X1

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4. On 31 July 1958 [redacted] Chief of the Air Division of DD/P, answered the Air Force (attachment B), agreeing that it would be beneficial for CIA to establish a closer relationship with the four National Guard troop carrier squadrons in question. [redacted] of his staff was given the task of conducting the necessary liaison and working out whatever special training might be found advisable.

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[redacted] DD/P suggested that OTR's Air Operations Course be cut from four to two weeks and tailored for carefully selected Air Force and Air National Guard personnel concerned with the troop carrier program. On 7 December 1958 the Director of Security approved the proposal to have Air Force personnel undergo air ops training [redacted]

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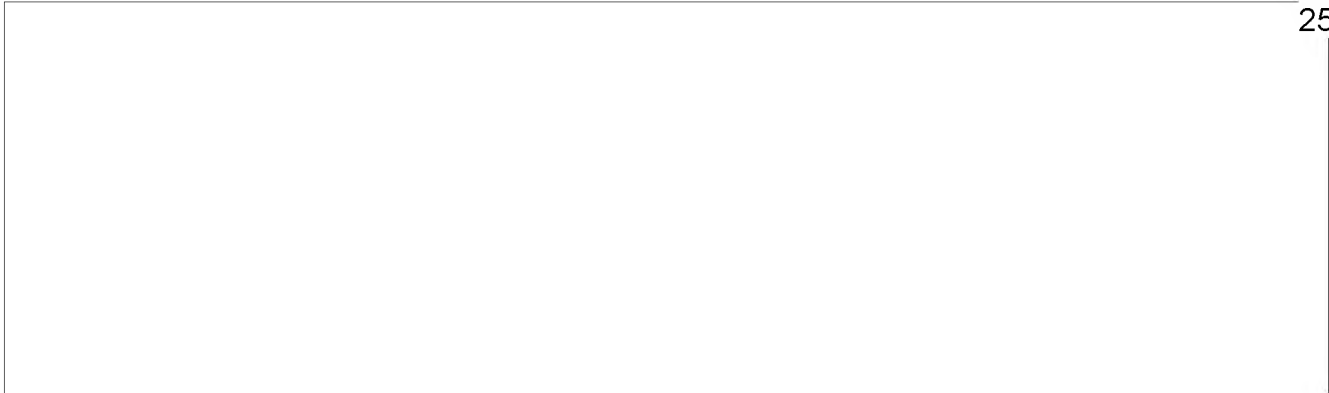
6. In March 1959 the first of the special Air Ops courses was conducted for troop carrier personnel. The Commanding Officers of the four National Guard units and their unit advisers (regular Air Force officers detailed for National Guard instructional duty) attended the course. In December 1959 the second course was held for the intelligence officers and operations officers of the four units, together with a representative from the <sup>Tactical</sup> ~~Technical~~ Air Command at Langley Field, Virginia, and the Continental Air Command at Mitchell Field, New York. It is planned that additional runnings of this course will be held at such intervals as may be necessitated by the transfer of those members of the units who are already trained. It is not intended, however, that training be broadened to cover other than the CO's, unit advisers, intelligence officers, and operations officers of the units.

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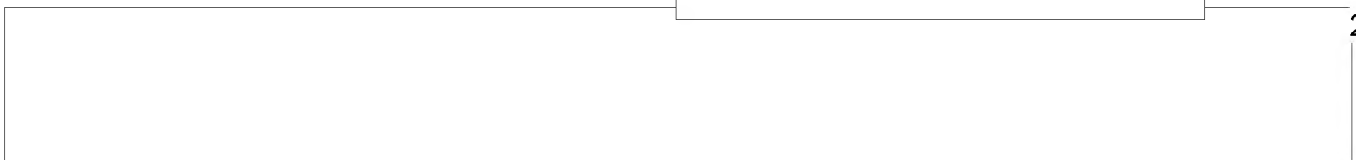


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